



## **CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 06, 2020**

The public meeting of the Borough Council of Connoquenessing was called to order at 7 pm using Webex, a remote access format.

Present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Mary Grace Ruediger, Robert Campbell, Francis Smith, and Dave Hilliard.

Also present were Thomas Thompson, Matt McConnell, Josiah McConnell, Lou Zimmerman, Dave Bocci, Dan Cox, and Vickie Forbes.

Dan Cox, Emergency Management Coordinator for the Connoquenessing Valley Regional EMA, stated that a computer had been purchased, the screen had been purchased and installed, the budget reviewed and identified for 2021, a second portable radio and spare batteries had been ordered, and a 100 kilowatt generator had been received from Evans City Borough as a donation. Kim Armstrong had resigned as a deputy from the group and Aaron Miller had been appointed as a deputy.

Josiah McConnell requested to build a bocce ball court in the Park for his Eagle Scout project. Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to have the Park Committee meet with Josiah to review the details and approve the project. Motion passed.

Matt McConnell with the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Department presented a proposal for a new fire department building and for the purchase of a new engine for the Fire Department with a request for an increase in millage of up to 3 mills.

Snow Removal Contract Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to award the snow removal contract to Sherry Peffer per the bid received. Motion passed.

### **SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE**

Dave Bocci reported that bagging continues with mild weather. Flows are low due to the dry weather. An inspection of another patio home in Leslie Farms will be occurring soon.

### **BUSINESS**

Campbell motioned, Ruediger seconded to approve the meeting minutes of September 1, 2020. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded, to approve the submitted August 2020 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded, to approve the bills as submitted. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Park Trail**

The Borough Engineer reviewed and discussed project costs and estimated Borough match for the entire project would be \$24,888. Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to approve the entire project, to include Contract 1 and Contract 2 (Alternate Bid B). Motion passed.

#### **Leslie Farms Phase 2 Bond Release Request 4**

Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to approve Phase 2 Bond Release Request 4. Motion passed. Smith questioned the needed storm drain work needed and identified in Phase 1. Thompson stated that the contractor was not aware of the repairs when doing the work in Phase 2. The developer will be notified to perform the repairs. If repairs are not done, the bond agent will be contacted.

#### **Complaint-242 Constitution Avenue**

A second complaint concerning 242 Constitution Avenue was reviewed. The Code Enforcement officer is working with the Solicitor to take action.

The Code Enforcement officer is taking action on the complaint of the garbage on the trailer at 126 Connoq Main Street.

#### **Gannett Fleming Letter-Act 14 Notification**

Council reviewed the letter and Thompson commented that the notification was required by the DEP.



**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WesBanco-Edeposit Service Agreement**

Due to the local branch closing, WesBanco has offered at no cost to the Borough the use of remote capture for deposit of checks. Council agreed to move forward with remote capture.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire:** Ruediger stated that the Fire Department would like to use the Park for the Halloween Parade event on Sunday, October 25, 2020, and commented on the itinerary provided to Council for review. Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to permit the event and to waive the fee for the use of the shelters. Motion passed.

**Emergency Management:** Reported earlier.

**Law and Order:** No Report

**Streets:** Leslie stated that he had met with a property owner at the corner of Washington Street and Constitution Avenue regarding a water issue. Smith motioned, Ruediger seconded to approve the purchase of a storm drop for this location with the property owner responsible for the installation. Motion passed.

**Zoning/Planning:** No Report

**Borough Building:** No Report

**Park:** No Report

**Sewage Financial:** No Report

Council approved the purchase of a Constitution Avenue sign to replace a missing sign. Ruediger requested the new Connoque Main Street signs be purchased.

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded at 8:35 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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